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## **Police Officers Commission on Standards & Training Meeting Minutes**

**October 7, 2020 (Special meeting) via Zoom**

### **1. Welcome and Roll Call**

**Chief Edward Mello** called the meeting to order at 9:05 am and took a roll call of the Special POST meeting called on October 1, 2020. The following POST members were present: Chief Edward Mello, Colonel Hugh Clements, Shawn Brown and Maria Deaton. A quorum has not been met. Also present were Lieutenant Christopher Zarrella, Donna Lavallee, David Ricciarelli, Chief William Nebus, Frank Levesque and Adam Sholes.

### **2. Request from Chief Nebus, East Providence PD, to consider a waiver of the three-year rule for (ret) Major Frank J. Levesque.**

Chief Mello stated that Chief Nebus is considering hiring Frank Levesque for employment with the East Providence PD and is requesting a waiver of the three-year rule based on his continuous training and employment with the Department of Corrections. Chief Mello added that based on his resume, and given that the POST has approved others with much looser training, he would absolutely recommend approval.

\*Note: Colonel Winkquist has joined the meeting at 9:07 am.

Chief Mello then asked Mr. Levesque if he has left his previous employment (Johnston PD) in good standing and Mr. Levesque responded yes.

Mr. Brown asked Lt. Zarrella if the approval would be contingent upon him having to take any classes as a conditional approval. Lt. Zarrella stated it would only be Mental Health First Aid and Mr. Levesque stated he had that just before he left Johnston PD. Chief Mello added that if Chief Nebus decides to employ Mr. Levesque, he would be required to be sure all trainings are up to date.

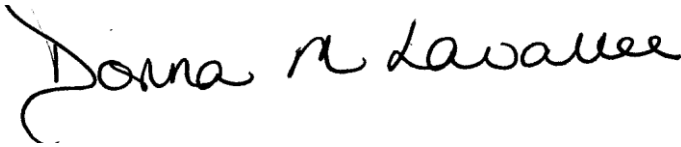
With that, Chief Mello stated he would put it up for a motion to approve the request for a waiver of the three-year rule based on his resume and training and with the condition that East Providence PD ensure that he is current and has all his required training.

Colonel Clements made a motion to approve the three-year rule based upon the above conditions and Mr. Brown seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken, 5-0. After a unanimous favorable vote, motion carries.

3. **Adjournment:**

Colonel Clements made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:10 am.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Donna M Lavalley". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looping 'D' at the beginning.

Donna M. Lavalley  
Administrative Assistant